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Ms. Margit Aramburu Executive Director Delta Protection Commission Post Office Box 530 Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Dear Ms. Aramburu:

Please excuse my delay in responding to your July 2, 1996, letter regarding Senate Bill 900 and potential inclusion of funding for a Delta education and research center.

As you may be aware, SB 900 passed the Legislature on July 11 and was placed on the November ballot as Proposition 204. As you will see by the enclosed SB 900 funding chart, the primary focus of this measure is to benefit the Delta. During the final days of negotiations on this bill, a \$2 million Delta Recreation Program was added to provide access to the Delta. This program is to be administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation as a grant program to local public agencies and nonprofit organizations. This program would be an appropriate funding source for the public access portion of the project you describe.

I have also enclosed a copy of SB 900 so you can see the specific provisions of the bill relating to the Delta in general and the Delta Recreation Program in particular.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

JIN COSTA Chairman

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